

December 8, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Wolfes Covid-19 proclamation of Disaster Emergency public meetings were conducted remotely via Zoom. Derry Borough Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. remotely with the Zoom App inviting the public to attend electronically with the following members present: Grant Nicely, Presiding, Sara Cowan, Jim Ritenour, Al Checca, Matthew Clever, Jeremy Stein, and Barbara Phillips. Lee Demosky, Solicitor was present. Nick Cammuso was reporting for the Latrobe Bulletin.

MOTION by Jeremy Stein to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION by Barbara Phillips to approve the Treasurer’s Report in the amount of \$418,801.21 for November 30, 2020. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors attended via zoom.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

No report for the public.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported for October 2020 with receipts of \$349.31 which included traffic receipts of \$38.87, non-traffic receipts of \$28.26, and \$ 285.44 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 41 complaint calls, 0 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

The Mayor reported for November 2020 with receipts of \$885.42 which included traffic receipts of \$96.39, non-traffic receipts of \$28.26, and \$ 760.77 in clerk of court and miscellaneous receipts. There were 23 complaint calls, 0 traffic citations, 0 non-traffic citations, and no parking tickets.

K-9 Report

The Mayor reported there was a \$6,006.76 balance in the K-9 fund as of October 31, 2020. Recent training consisted of tracking humans being lost or fugitives. Area searches for fugitives and buildings. Obedience and aggression training, handler, gunfire, and article search training were conducted as well. K-9 Smoke was certified in all areas and now is working as a dual purpose K-9. The balance for the K-9 account in November was \$2,941.84 after two invoices paid \$ 3,232 Embroidered Ink and \$42.92 K-9 Elite.

CODE OFFICIALS REPORT

BIU reported for November 2020 one code violation, 20 Zoning Permits, and 23 Occupancy Permits for the year of 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works - Alley work on Wineman Way and Edith, Curb rebuilds, Finished up the leaf pick up for residents. Radiator replaced on lift truck. Winterized summer equipment. Patching in 2nd Ward area on main route areas. More alley repairs to be done in 4th ward. Street sweeper needs to be rescheduled, Latrobe got behind on their roads. VFW building needed secured as kids were entering the building. Phillippi house needed secured as well. 504 W. Second Avenue is pumping water onto street and Josh Gettemy has complained again regarding the ice buildup on the road with the water runoff.

Buildings and Grounds

Police – Chief Glick reported youth mischief in the community due to school being out. Smith building, Phillippi home, and VFW in particular. Staffing issues continue in the department.

Finance/Budget- Discussion regarding direct deposit and the cost. This was reviewed a couple of years back but the cost outweighed the efficiency. There will be monthly

Zoning/UCC/Code – Discussion regarding water runoff into the street and the difference regarding subpumps and stormwater runoff. Lee Demosky stated he would forward citations to the new code official.

Parks and Recreation

Fire Protection – President Nicely asked Jim Ritenour to help schedule a meeting with the fire department and have Josh Campbell or Steve Kozar to come to an upcoming council meeting.

Grants

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 8:01pm at the Derry Borough Council Worksession held on December 1, 2020 for personnel and litigation matters. Executive session ended at 8:35pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION

REPRESENTATIVES

DARCEE's next meeting will be held in January 2021 at the Derry Borough Municipal Building. The date will be set at a future time.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Derry Borough Council will resume Zoom meetings in December on Tuesday December 1st and Tuesday December 8, 2020.
- 2006 F250 Sale of Truck and Plow – Bid awarded at \$7,057 Picked up Friday December 4, 2020.

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- The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) is again offering a training subscription program for member boroughs. By now, you should have received a flyer on this program in your fall membership dues mailing with more information on how to enroll.

The PSAB Plus Membership Training Subscription Program provides your borough with a cost-effective option for training and professional development opportunities.

Summary of Benefits

PSAB Plus benefits apply to all officials and staff in your borough.

Free access to all PSAB webinars.50 percent discount on all PSAB traditional classroom and online training sessions.25 percent discount on attendance at the PA Municipal Legal Update.To join the PSAB Plus Membership Training Subscription Program, you must enroll and submit payment of \$450 by **Jan. 29, 2021.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board and Commission terms expiring in the Borough:
 - a) One (1) vacancy and (1) alternate vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board
2. Porcelain Park – KU Resources Planning – Email received by Hallie Chatfield regarding progress.
3. 2020 Paving Project – PIB Loan application submitted, waiting for approval for DCED paperwork to be initiated. (Loan amount of \$200,000)
4. Stormwater Ordinance- Doug Siler, GTE – Review suggested to model Greensburg’s Ordinance. GTE to prepare draft.
5. 5th Avenue Culvert – Permit Applications Initiated.
6. Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer -Share agreement with the City of Latrobe for services is being developed. A proposal was sent by Latrobe Manager Michael Grey. Council is to review in detail and the committee should have a meeting with Michael Grey.
7. Sewer Lateral Testing Ordinance – Review by committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve the General Fund Budget. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

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2. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve Ordinance 792 Establishing the Tax Rate for 2021 Tax Rate remaining the same. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

3. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve drafting and advertising Ordinance 791 an Ordinance increasing the Indebtedness of the Borough of Derry, Westmoreland County, PA by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$200,000 for purposes of Street Resurfacing in the Borough of Derry. (DCED Requirement) Motion SECONDED by Matt Clever. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MOTION** by Al Checca to approve the Zoning Hearing Board Appeal Fee Increase to \$450. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

5. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to approve 2021 Council Meeting Schedule. Motion SECONDED by Barbara Phillips. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

6. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to advertise the Municipal Authority Board Vacancy Term ending December 31, 2025. Motion SECONDED by Jeremy Stein. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

7. Covid Policy – Discussion of return to work policy. Lee Demosky will draft a policy for next work session. Chief mentioned the idea after discussion with other departments that if a police officer tests positive that they are off for 14 days and then return to work with no required testing. Testing is a difficult topic currently and not necessarily always available as needed.

8. **MOTION** by Sara Cowan to hold Council Meetings in January and February on Zoom due to COVID-19 increase of cases. Motion SECONDED by Al Checca. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Al Checca addressed council on purchasing a disinfectant sprayer for the vehicles, buildings, and office spaces as needed.

MOTION by Al Checca to purchase a disinfectant sprayer for up to \$500 for the municipal building and police cars or any other equipment for the Borough needed. Motion SECONDED by Sara Cowan. All members present voiced “aye” in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Gaudiello wishes to renew agreement with police car parking in the DVFD garage for winter time when it is very cold and summer time when it is very hot. This will help to save on idling vehicles and saving gas as well as maintenance for the vehicles. Also, it is a safety issue having our vehicles parked outside for several reasons as well as a safety issue with bringing in someone in custody during bad weather. The Mayor has reached out to Fire Chief Campbell and President Steve Kozar to meet and have discussion on this topic. President Nicely asked Jim Ritenour to please discuss with both the President and/or the Fire Chief to attend a meeting in January.

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Mayor Gaudiello wants to have a children's coloring contest in the community to have a positive activity during these times. Sara Cowan is planning the activity and putting it all together. The submissions will be posted on facebook.

**Derry Borough Council went into executive session at 8:08pm for personnel matters.
Executive session ended at 8:44pm.**

MOTION by Al Checca to terminate Falcon Coulson effective December 8, 2020.
Motion **SECONDED** by Matt Clever. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion.
Motion passed.

MOTION by Sara Cowan due to unavailable police coverage allow Chief Randy Glick as a single incident practice submit vacation time for pay since he is unable to take the time off at this time. Motion **SECONDED** by Al Checca one time practice to

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION by Matt Clever to pay the bills totaling \$25,926.91 and all outstanding legitimate bills through the end of the month. Motion **SECONDED** by Jim Ritenour. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Al Checca to adjourn at 8:49pm. Motion **SECONDED** by Barbara Phillips. All members present voiced "aye" in favor of the motion. Motion passed.